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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled PLUG-IN CONNECTION DEVICE, the specification of which:

is attached hereto.
 was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____.
 was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/EP2003/009555 filed on August 28, 2003 and as amended under PCT Article 19 on June 22, 2004.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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Country	Application No.	Filing Date	Priority Claimed
DE	202 19 125.7	December 10, 2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
PCT	PCT/EP2003/009555	August 28, 2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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